



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

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The Planning Commission welcomes you to this meeting.

March 15, 2006

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBER

2600 FRESNO STREET

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I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PROCEDURES

In accordance with Section 13 of Article 2 of the Planning Commission Rules and Regulations governing length of public debate, all testimony given will be limited to five minutes per person. The three lights on the podium next to the microphone will indicate the amount of time remaining for the speaker. The green light will be turned on when the speaker begins. The yellow light will come on with a soft bell ring when one minute is remaining. The speaker should be completing the testimony by the time the red light comes on with a final bell indicating that time has expired.

If you challenge these land use matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in oral or written testimony at or before the close of the hearing.

For each matter considered by the Commission, there will first be a staff presentation, followed by a presentation from the project applicant. Testimony from supporters of the project will then be taken, followed by testimony from those in opposition. The applicant will have the right to a final rebuttal presentation prior to closing the public hearing.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Consent Calendar Requests
- B. Continuance Requests
- C. Other Agenda Changes

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

All Consent Calendar items are considered by the Planning Commission to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested, in which event the items will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered prior to approval of the Consent Calendar. If any member of the public wishes to have a specific item removed for discussion, be present when the meeting is called to order and the Chair announces the Consent Calendar. Commission approval of Consent Calendar items for which there is no discussion shall constitute adoption of the staff recommendation.

- A. Minutes – Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2005
- B. Communications
 - 1. Notice of approval by the Planning and Development Department Director, in accordance with Section 12-1005.2 of the Fresno Municipal Code, of a Revised Tentative Map of Tract No. 5357, a 199-lot single family residential subdivision.
 - 2. Notice of approval by the Planning and Development Department Director, in accordance with Section 12-1005.2 of the Fresno Municipal Code, of a Revised Tentative Map of Tract No. 5338, a 123-lot single family residential subdivision.
- C. Entitlements

VI. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

VII. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

VIII. CONTINUED MATTERS

- A. Consideration of Rezone Application No. R-05-01, Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-05-16, and environmental findings, filed by Anthony Pings on behalf of Wei-Shing Su, pertaining to approximately 4 acres of property located on the northwest corner of East Herndon Avenue Frontage and North Orchard Street. ***(Continued from meeting of March 1, 2006.)***
 - 1. Environmental Assessment No. R-05-01/C-05-16, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
 - 2. Rezone Application No. R-05-01 proposes to rezone the subject property from the R-A/UGM (*Single Family Residential Agricultural/Urban Growth Management*) zone district to the C-P/EA/UGM (*Administrative and Professional Office/Expressway Area Overlay/Urban Growth Management*) zone district.
 - 3. Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-05-16 proposes the construction of two three-story medical and general office buildings on the 4-acre project site.
 - Woodward Park Community Plan Area
 - Council District 6 (Councilmember Duncan)
 - Staff Member: Shelby Chamberlain
 - Staff Recommendation: Recommend Approval of the Rezone Application; Approve Conditional Use Permit Application
 - Will be considered by City Council (Rezone Application only)

IX. NEW MATTERS

- A. Consideration of Rezone Application No. R-05-45, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5463/UGM, Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-05-140, and environmental findings, filed by Granite Bay, LLC, pertaining to approximately 57.92 acres of property located on the southwest corner of West Whites Bridge and South Valentine Avenues. The project also includes the detachment of the subject property from the North Central Fire Protection District and Kings River Conservation District and annexation to the City of Fresno for which the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is the responsible agency.
1. Environmental Assessment No. R-05-45/T-5463/C-05-140, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
 2. Rezone Application No. R-05-45 proposes to rezone the subject property from the AE-20 (*Exclusive Twenty Acre Agricultural, Fresno County*) zone district to the R-1/UGM (*Single Family Residential/Urban Growth Management*) zone district.
 3. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5463/UGM proposes to subdivide the subject property into a 305-lot single family residential planned development subdivision.
 4. Conditional Use Permit Application No. C-05-140 proposes to modify the R-1 zone district property development standards to allow for a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet and minimum lot width of 50 feet.
 - Edison Community Plan Area
 - Council District 3 (Councilmember Sterling)
 - Staff Member: Kevin Fabino
 - Staff Recommendation: Recommend Approval of the Rezone Application;
Approve Vesting Tentative Tract Map and Conditional Use Permit Application
 - Will be considered by City Council (Rezone Application only)
- B. Consideration of Rezone Application No. R-05-100, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5574/UGM, and environmental findings, filed by Cencal Holdings, LLC, pertaining to approximately 19.70 acres of property located on the east side of South Brawley Avenue between West Whites Bridge and West Madison Avenues. The project also includes the detachment of the subject property from the North Central Fire Protection District and Kings River Conservation District and annexation to the City of Fresno for which the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is the responsible agency.
1. Environmental Assessment No. R-05-100/T-5574, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
 2. Rezone Application No. R-05-100 proposes to rezone the subject property from the AE-20 (*Exclusive Twenty Acre Agricultural, Fresno County*) zone district to the R-1/UGM (*Single Family Residential/Urban Growth Management*) zone district.
 3. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5574/UGM proposes to subdivide the subject property into a 91-lot single family residential subdivision.
 - Edison Community Plan Area
 - Council District 3 (Councilmember Sterling)
 - Staff Member: Bruce Barnes
 - Staff Recommendation: Recommend Approval of the Rezone Application;
Approve Vesting Tentative Tract Map
 - Will be considered by City Council (Rezone Application only)

IX. NEW MATTERS - *Continued*

- C. Consideration of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5503/UGM, and environmental findings, filed by Yamabe & Horn Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Lennar Homes, pertaining to approximately 18.17 acres of property located on the northeast corner of East Church and South Clovis Avenues.
1. Environmental Assessment No. T-5503, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
 2. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5503/UGM proposes to subdivide the subject property into a 74-lot single family residential subdivision.
 - Roosevelt Community Plan Area
 - Council District 5 (Councilmember Dages)
 - Staff Member: Paul Bernal
 - Staff Recommendation: Approve
 - May be considered by City Council
- D. Consideration of Rezone Application No. R-05-57, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5587/UGM, and environmental findings, filed by Artel Farms, Inc., pertaining to approximately 12.87 acres of property located near the northwest corner of North Brawley and West McKinley Avenues. The project also includes the detachment of the subject property from the North Central Fire Protection District and Kings River Conservation District and annexation to the City of Fresno for which the Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is the responsible agency.
1. Environmental Assessment No. R-05-57/T-5587, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
 2. Rezone Application No. R-05-57 proposes to rezone the subject property from the RR (*Rural Residential, Fresno County*) zone district to the R-1/UGM (*Single Family Residential/Urban Growth Management*) zone district.
 3. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5587/UGM proposes to subdivide the subject property into a 52-lot single family residential subdivision.
 - Bullard Community Plan Area
 - Council District 3 (Councilmember Sterling)
 - Staff Member: Kevin Fabino
 - Staff Recommendation: Recommend Approval of the Rezone Application;
Approve Vesting Tentative Tract Map
 - Will be considered by City Council (Rezone Application only)

IX. NEW MATTERS - Continued

E. Consideration of Rezone Application No. R-05-62, Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5553/UGM, and environmental findings, filed by DeYoung Properties, pertaining to approximately 9.91 net acres of property located on the northeast corner of the intersection of East Teague and North Chestnut Avenues.

1. Environmental Assessment No. R-05-62/T-5553, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
2. Rezone Application No. R-05-62 proposes to rezone the subject property from the R-A/UGM (*Single Family Residential Agricultural/Urban Growth Management*) zone district to the R-1/UGM (*Single Family Residential/Urban Growth Management*) zone district.
3. Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 5553/UGM proposes to subdivide the subject property into a 43-lot single family residential subdivision.
 - Woodward Park Community Plan Area
 - Council District 6 (Councilmember Duncan)
 - Staff Member: Will Tackett
 - Staff Recommendation: Recommend Approval of the Rezone Application;
Approve Vesting Tentative Tract Map
 - Will be considered by City Council (Rezone Application only)

F. CONTINUE TO MARCH 29, 2006

Consideration of Rezone Application No. R-05-58, Site Plan Review Application No. S-05-115, Variance Application No. V-05-11, and environmental findings, filed by Dirk Poeschel on behalf of Werner Graf, pertaining to 1.7 acres of property located on the southeast corner of West San Jose and North Gates Avenues.

1. Environmental Assessment No. R-05-58/S-05-115/V-05-11, determination of Initial Study to file a Finding of Conformity to MEIR 10130 for the 2025 Fresno General Plan.
2. Rezone Application No. R-05-58 proposes to rezone the subject property from the R-2/UGM/cz (*Low Density Multiple Family Residential/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning*) zone district to the R-2/UGM/cz (*Low Density Multiple Family Residential/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning*) zone district, specifically requesting the removal of the residential density restriction of 10 dwelling units per acre.
3. Site Plan Review Application No. S-05-115 proposes the development of a 12-unit two-story multiple family residential complex that will include covered garages.
4. Variance Application No. V-05-11 requests an encroachment into the required 20-foot front yard setback to 10 feet for a wrought iron fence and 13 feet for a building setback.
 - Bullard Community Plan Area
 - Council District 2 (Councilmember Calhoun)
 - Staff Member: Mike Sanchez
 - Staff Recommendation: Continue consideration to March 29, 2006
 - Will be considered by City Council (Rezone Application only)

X. REPORT BY SECRETARY

- A. Ongoing discussion and direction on single family residential project design guidelines
- B. Ongoing discussion and direction regarding public street infrastructure in the West Area Community Plan area

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

You may address the Planning Commission at the conclusion of the Commission meeting regarding matters of public interest that are not listed on the agenda and that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Please be present at the conclusion of the meeting if you wish to be heard. Anyone wishing to be placed on the Planning Commission agenda should contact the Planning and Development Department, (559) 621-8277, at least 10 days before the desired appearance date.

XII. ADJOURNMENT